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FIFTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME FOR POLAND

Note by the Administrator

I. THE PROGRAMMING PROCESS

1. The fifth country programme for Poland was prepared in the context of the political, social and economic transformations that are taking place in Central and Eastern Europe, and following the opening of a UNDP field office in Warsaw in 1990.
2. The Polish authorities and UNDP embarked on the programming exercise based on UNDP's policy paper on "Technical cooperation in the transformation and recovery of European economies in transition - the role of UNDP" and the UNDP Advisory Note for Poland. The Government, in the context of its aid coordination and management arrangements, established a Country Programme Committee to coordinate the process and to monitor the implementation of the Country Programme.
3. Several Ministries and non-governmental agencies related to the areas of concentration of the country programme also participated in the programming exercise. United Nations agencies and multilateral and bilateral donors have been consulted as well.

II. ANALYTICAL COMMENTARY ON THE FIFTH COUNTRY PROGRAMME

4. UNDP assistance will be delivered through three programmes: human resources and social services, market economy institutions, and ecological and environmental infrastructure. In each programme gender concerns and the role and potential of women will be addressed.

5. An "umbrella project" will provide advisory services in these areas by using the Transfer of Knowledge through Expatriate Nationals (TOKTEN), United Nations Volunteers (UNV), United Nations International Short-Term Advisory Resources (UNISTAR) and national consultants. The technical capacity of United Nations agencies will also be used.

6. The programme on human resources and social services will address three interrelated areas reflecting government priorities: social safety nets, management education and training and administrative capability development.

7. The programme on market economy institutions includes four programme areas: ownership transformations, ownership responsibility, entrepreneurship and public awareness. Particular emphasis will be given to assist regional and local institutions.

8. The programme on ecological and environmental infrastructure is aimed at building capacity of local governments and NGOs and contains two programme areas: environmental management and environmental education.

III. MANAGEMENT OF COUNTRY PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

9. A major aspect of this country programme is the proposed combination of UNDP resources with cost-sharing and other co-financing modalities, in order to achieve an impact with the modest IPF resources at the country's disposal. This objective will be pursued within the framework of the programme approach integrating technical cooperation into national programmes. The programmes will be implemented under national execution with involvement of United Nations agencies and NGOs as required.

10. Monitoring, evaluation and auditing systems will be established to achieve maximum efficiency and self-reliance as well as to assess progress and performance of the country programme.

IV. RECOMMENDATION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR

11. The Administrator considers that the fifth country programme for Poland, which is the result of a dialogue between the Government and UNDP, is relevant to the main priorities of the country and will facilitate Poland's socio-economic transformation.

12. On the basis of the above, the Administrator recommends that the Governing Council approve the fifth country programme for Poland.
